

January

- 7 **Saturday | 10:30 | ages 7 and up**
Film Program/Magic Silver
- 8 **Sunday | 11:30 | ages 7 and up**
Film Program/Magic Silver
- 15 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Henri Matisse
- 15 **Sunday | 1:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act
- 16 **Monday | 10:30 | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act
- 21 **Saturday | 10:30 | 12:30 | 2:30 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/Artful Acrostics
- 22 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Henri Matisse
- 22 **Sunday | 1:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act
- 28 **Saturday | 10:30 | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act
- 29 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Henri Matisse
- 29 **Sunday | 1:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act

February

- 4 **Saturday | 10:30 | ages 5 and up**
Film Program/Monster Mash
- 5 **Sunday | 11:30 | ages 5 and up**
Film Program/Monster Mash
- 5 **Sunday | 1:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act
- 5 **Sunday | 1:00 | ages 7 and up**
Family Concert/Asteria
- 11 **Saturday | 10:30 | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act
- 12 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Georgia O'Keeffe
- 12 **Sunday | 1:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act
- 18 **Saturday | 10:30 | 12:30 | 2:30 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/Dashing Diamante
- 19 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Georgia O'Keeffe
- 19 **Sunday | 1:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act
- 20 **Monday | 10:30 | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act
- 26 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Georgia O'Keeffe
- 26 **Sunday | 1:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Family Workshop/Balancing Act

March

- 4 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Helen Frankenthaler
- 10 **Saturday | 10:30 | 12:30 | 2:30 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/Harmonious Haiku
- 11 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Helen Frankenthaler
- 17 **Saturday | 10:30 | ages 11 and up**
Film Program/Chandani: The Daughter of the Elephant Whisperer
- 18 **Sunday | 11:30 | ages 9 and up**
Film Program/The Sound of Mumbai
- 18 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Helen Frankenthaler
- 24 **Saturday | 10:30 | ages 11 and up**
Film Program/Chandani: The Daughter of the Elephant Whisperer
- 25 **Sunday | 11:30 | ages 9 and up**
Film Program/The Sound of Mumbai



Winter 2012

NGAkids

Family Activities
at the National Gallery
of Art, Washington



WINTER DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Our winter programs are organized into two series—Stories in Art (ages 4–7) and Artful Conversations (ages 8–11)—designed to engage children and adults with works of art in the galleries.

These free drop-in programs are designed for individual families, and we cannot accommodate groups. Space is limited to seventy children per session. There is no advance registration; participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. We will only accept sign-in for children in the age ranges listed. Program times, dates, and topics follow. For information, call (202) 789-3030.

stories in art

Ages 4 to 7

This series of programs uses storytelling to introduce children to works of art. Led by museum educators, each program includes reading a children's book, looking at one work of art in the galleries, and completing a simple hands-on activity. The winter series features works in the East Building while the summer series explores works in the West Building.

Sign-in for the Winter Story Series will take place in the East Building Atrium, beginning at 11:00 am on each date, and will continue until all spaces are filled.

WINTER STORY SERIES: INVESTIGATE MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART

How do you investigate a work of art? Learn to make careful observations, analyze artists' choices, ask questions, and use your imagination while exploring works of art in the East Building. This winter, three thoughtful stories are paired with three artists in the collection. After examining how nature inspired each artist, you will experiment with diverse media to create your own works of art. You will receive a notebook to accompany the Winter Story Series and a stamp for each program attended. Collect all three stamps to earn a prize!

Investigate: Henri Matisse

A Bird or Two: A Story about Henri Matisse
by Bijou Le Tord

Sundays, January 15, 22, 29
11:30 am | 12:30 pm | 1:30 pm | 2:30 pm

Explore French artist Henri Matisse's unique cutouts, influenced by the bold colors and forms of the tropics. Then, creatively arrange your own brightly colored collage.

Investigate: Georgia O'Keeffe

Through Georgia's Eyes by Rachel Rodriguez,
illustrated by Julie Paschkis

Sundays, February 12, 19, 26
11:30 am | 12:30 pm | 1:30 pm | 2:30 pm

See the natural world through Georgia O'Keeffe's eyes and discover the beauty found in a flower. Then, create watercolor drawings inspired by plants.

Investigate: Helen Frankenthaler

A Day without Crayons by Elizabeth Rusch,
illustrated by Chad Cameron

Sundays, March 4, 11, 18
11:30 am | 12:30 pm | 1:30 pm | 2:30 pm

Learn how Helen Frankenthaler's abstract paintings were inspired by landscapes. Then, make a painting without using brushes!

family concert

Asteria

Sunday, February 5, 1:00 pm
West Building Main Floor, West Garden Court
Ages 7 and up

Asteria (Sylvia Rhyne, soprano, and Eric Redlinger, tenor and lute) brings to life the songs of medieval Burgundy, transporting listeners back to the age of chivalry. Eric and Sylvia will demonstrate their instruments, sing songs and talk about what it was like in the medieval world of knights, ladies, troubadours, and kings. *Approximately 45 minutes. Seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.*

artful conversations

Ages 8 to 11

Designed for children and adults to participate in together, this series of programs uses observation and discussion to explore works of art in the collection. Led by museum educators, each program includes looking at one work of art in the galleries, accompanied by a poetry-writing activity.

Sign-in for Artful Conversations will take place in the East Building Atrium, beginning at 10:00 am, and will continue until all spaces are filled.

ARTFUL CONVERSATIONS WINTER SERIES:

Many museum visitors spend only seconds looking at a work of art. Find out what you can discover when you spend more than an hour exploring one work of art! Bring your observation skills, imagination, curiosity, and creativity to these guided discussions that delve deep into masterpieces from the Gallery's collection. Each month you will compose a poem inspired by the work you investigate. You will receive a notebook to accompany this series and a stamp for each program attended. If you have all three stamps at the end of the series, you will receive a prize!

Artful Acrostics

Saturday, January 21
10:30 – 11:45 am | 12:30 – 1:45 pm | 2:30 – 3:45 pm

Dashing Diamante

Saturday, February 18
10:30 – 11:45 am | 12:30 – 1:45 pm | 2:30 – 3:45 pm

Harmonious Haiku

Saturday, March 10
10:30 – 11:45 am | 12:30 – 1:45 pm | 2:30 – 3:45 pm

Program cancellation is rare. In cases of inclement weather, please call (202) 789-3030 to check the status of a program.

film program

With an exciting selection of recent foreign and domestic films, the National Gallery's Film Program for Children and Teens offers innovative film programming, enhances visitor enjoyment of the Gallery's collections and exhibitions, and fosters an understanding of film as an art form. A variety of films—including animation, live action, and classics—is selected to appeal to both youth and adult audiences. Age recommendations assist parents in selecting the most emotionally and intellectually stimulating films for their children. Feature films are in English, unless otherwise noted.

All film programs are shown in the East Building Auditorium. Seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups are welcome. Food and drink are not permitted. Programs are free and subject to change without notice. No advance registration. For up-to-date information on the current month's films, please call (202) 789-3030.

Magic Silver

(Katarina Launing and Roar Uthaug, Norway, 2009, 84 minutes)

Saturday, January 7 | 10:30 am

Sunday, January 8 | 11:30 am

Ages 7 and up

Princess Bluerose is a gnome living deep in the Norwegian mountains with her small community, which is responsible for making the transition between daylight and night. This moment, the "magic hour," depends on the magic silver that only these gnomes possess. When the silver is stolen, the world is transformed into eternal night. Find out what happens when Princess Bluerose sets out on a remarkable journey to retrieve the silver and save the world from unending darkness. *In Norwegian with English subtitles.*



Monster Mash

Saturday, February 4 | 10:30 am

Sunday, February 5 | 11:30 am

Ages 5 and up

Join us for a series of animated shorts featuring furry and fun-loving monsters of all sorts, sizes, and shapes. The program will feature *The Gruffalo* (Max Lang and Jakob Schuh, 2009, 30 minutes), based on the children's picture book by Julia Donaldson, a magical story of a forest mouse who outwits several dangerous predators, one by one, with his made-up tales of a fearsome beast called the Gruffalo. Of course, such a bizarre creature could never exist—or could it...? The program also includes an adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic *Where the Wild Things Are* (Weston Woods Studios, 1988); *Mike's New Car* (Pixar Animation Studios, Pete Docter and Roger Gould, 2002); *Hair Raising Hare* (Warner Bros., Chuck Jones, 1946); *End of a Scarer* (Chris O'Hara, 2007); and *The Silence Beneath the Bark* (Joanna Lurie, 2010). Approximately 60 minutes.

Chandani: The Daughter of the Elephant Whisperer

(Arne Birkenstock, Germany/Sri Lanka, 2010, 86 minutes)

Saturday, March 17 | 10:30 am

Saturday, March 24 | 10:30 am

Ages 11 and up

The profession of *mahout* (elephant whisperer) in Sri Lanka has traditionally been reserved for men. When young Chandani becomes determined to follow in her father's footsteps and learn the secrets of the trade passed down through generations of her family, she has to show extraordinary dedication to prove herself. A documentary with a strong emotional core, Chandani perceptively explores the constraints of traditional gender roles. *In English and Sinhala with English subtitles. Presented in collaboration with the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital.*

Family and Teen Programs are made possible in part by the generosity of the Prince Charitable Trusts.

The Sound of Mumbai: A Musical

(Sarah McCarthy, United Kingdom/India, 2010, 64 minutes)

Sunday, March 18 | 11:30 am

Sunday, March 25 | 11:30 am

Ages 9 and up

For one emotional night, a group of children living in a slum in Mumbai, India, get a chance to experience a different world as they perform Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music* with a classical orchestra, fostering hopes that it could change their lives. This rousing documentary focuses on charismatic eleven-year-old Ashish, who has to overcome his anxieties as he prepares to sing a solo during the performance. *Presented in collaboration with the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital.*

family workshops

Ages 8 to 11

Family Workshops are designed for children and adults to participate in together. Taught by artists and museum educators, each two-hour workshop includes an interactive tour in the galleries followed by a hands-on studio session. All workshops begin in the Education Studio, located on the East Building Concourse. Workshops are free but preregistration is required.

Registration for all winter workshops begins at noon on Wednesday, January 11. To register, fill out the online registration form at www.nga.gov/programs/family.htm.

Balancing Act

Saturdays, January 28 and February 11

10:30 – 12:30 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Sundays, January 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, 19, 26 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Mondays, January 16 and February 20

10:30 – 12:30 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Investigate Edgar Degas's wax sculptures of dancers and horses, and learn how to construct your own sculpture using a wire armature and clay. Led by Emily Lazaro and Nathalie Ryan.

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Welcome to NGAkids!

This quarterly publication includes a calendar
of events for kids at the National Gallery of Art,
with program descriptions and dates.

Please send your comments or suggestions to
family@nga.gov.

front, top: Nancy Graves,
Agualine (detail), 1980, oil on
canvas, National Gallery of Art,
Washington, Collection of
Robert and Jane Meyerhoff

front, middle: Film still from
The Gruffalo, scheduled to
be shown on February 4, 5

front, bottom: Joseph Rubens
Powell, *Winter* (detail), water-
color and gouache over graphite
on wove paper, National Gallery
of Art, Washington, Gift of John
Nichols Estabrook and Dorothy
Coogan Estabrook

inside: Film still from *Chandini:
The Daughter of the Elephant
Whisperer*, scheduled to
be shown on March 17, 24

right: Mark Rothko, *Abstract
Composition in Blue, Black,
Gray, Red, and Yellow* (detail),
c. 1944/1946, watercolor, pen
and black ink, and brush and
black ink over graphite on wove
paper, National Gallery of Art,
Washington, Gift of The Mark
Rothko Foundation, Inc.



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Upcoming Activities

Would you like to know the
schedule of Family Programs
before you receive this brochure?
Check our Web site regularly for
the most up-to-date calendar:
www.nga.gov/programs/family.htm

Reminder

Events and street closings occur
year-round on the Mall. Please
allow sufficient time to get to the
Gallery. The nearest Metro stops
are Judiciary Square on the Red
Line, Archives/Navy Memorial
on the Yellow/Green Lines, and
Smithsonian on the Blue/Orange
Lines. Metrobus stops are located
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